

Chapter 15

Preapproved Wall Appendix: Specific Requirements and Details for LB Foster Retained Earth Concrete Panel Walls

In addition to the general design requirements provided in **Appendix 15-A**, the following specific requirements apply to the design of the LB Foster Retained EarthTM concrete 5 ft x 5 ft panel faced retaining wall:

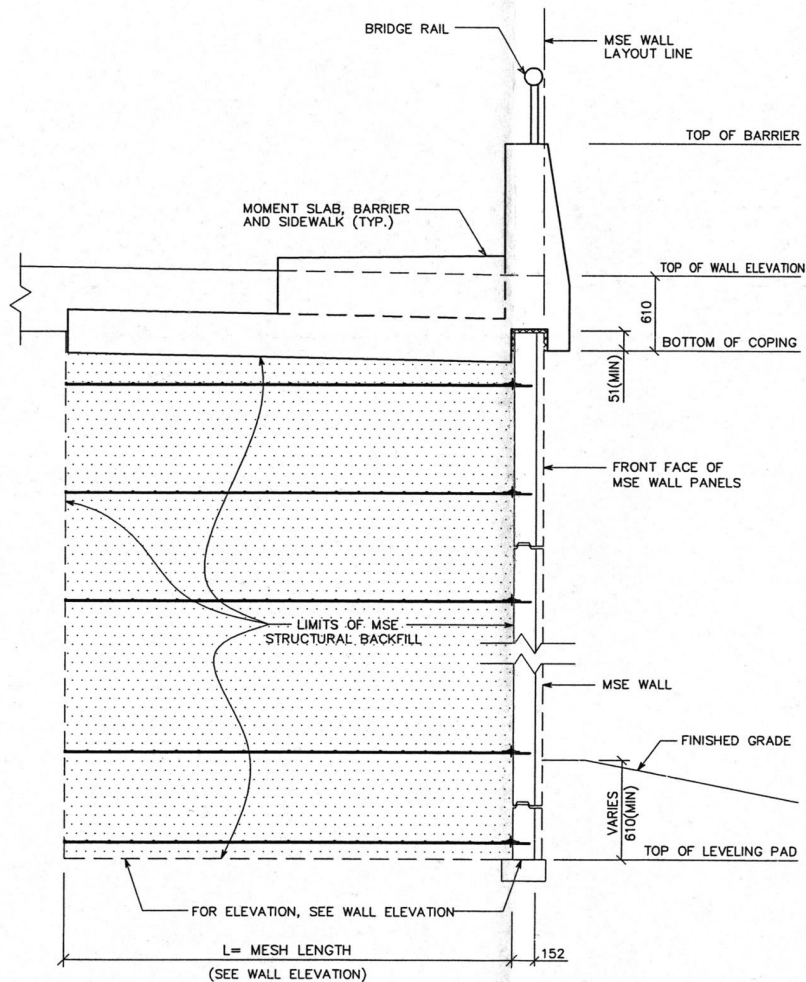
No HITEC evaluation report is currently available for this wall system. Design procedures for specific elements of the wall system have been provided to WSDOT in a binder dated September 11, 2003. The design procedures used by LB Foster (specifically Foster Geotechnical) are based on the AASHTO Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges (2002). Therefore, for internal stability of the wall, the AASHTO Simplified Method shall be used. Interim approval is given for the continued use of the AASHTO Standard Specifications as the basis for design.

Note the connector shall be designed to have adequate life considering corrosion loss. Furthermore, the connector loops embedded in the facing panels shall be lined up such that the steel grid reinforcement cross bar at the connection is uniformly loaded. Therefore, regarding the alignment of the bearing surfaces of the embedded wire loops, once the steel grid is inserted into the loops, no loop shall have a gap between the loop and the steel grid cross bar of more than 0.125 inch.

Reinforcement pullout shall be calculated based on the default values for steel grid reinforcement provided in the AASHTO Specifications. If, at some future time product and soil specific pullout data is provided to support use of non-default pullout interaction coefficients, it should be noted that LRFD pullout resistance design using these product and soil specific interaction coefficients has not been calibrated using product specific data statistics and reliability theory. Therefore, the specified resistance factors in the GDM and AASHTO LRFD Specifications should not be considered applicable to product specific pullout interaction coefficients.

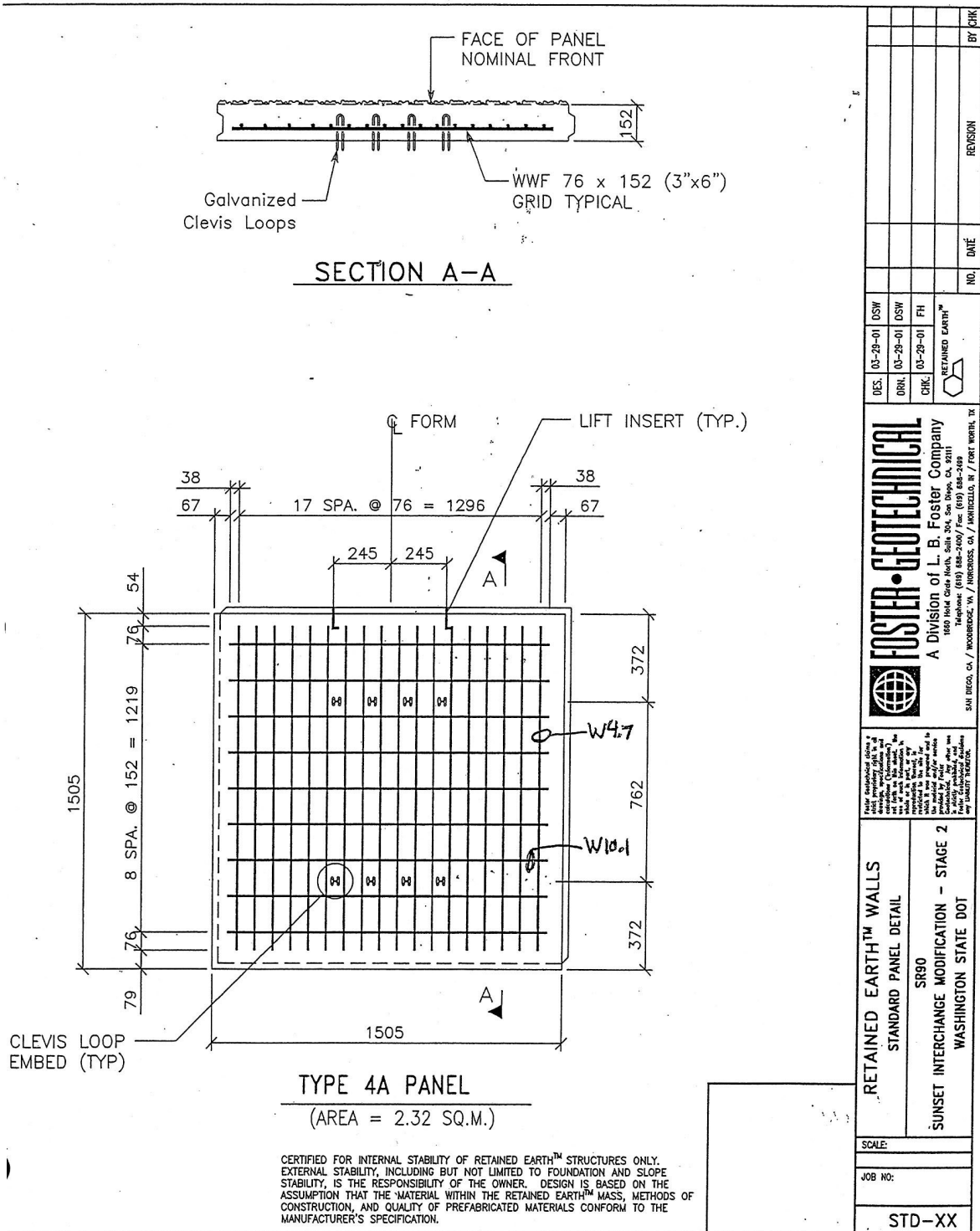
Approved details for the LB Foster Retained EarthTM concrete 5 ft x 5 ft panel faced retaining wall system are provided in the following plan sheets. Note that the two stage wall (i.e., welded wire face with concrete panels installed after wall completion) is not approved for WSDOT use. Exceptions and additional requirements regarding the approved details are as follows:

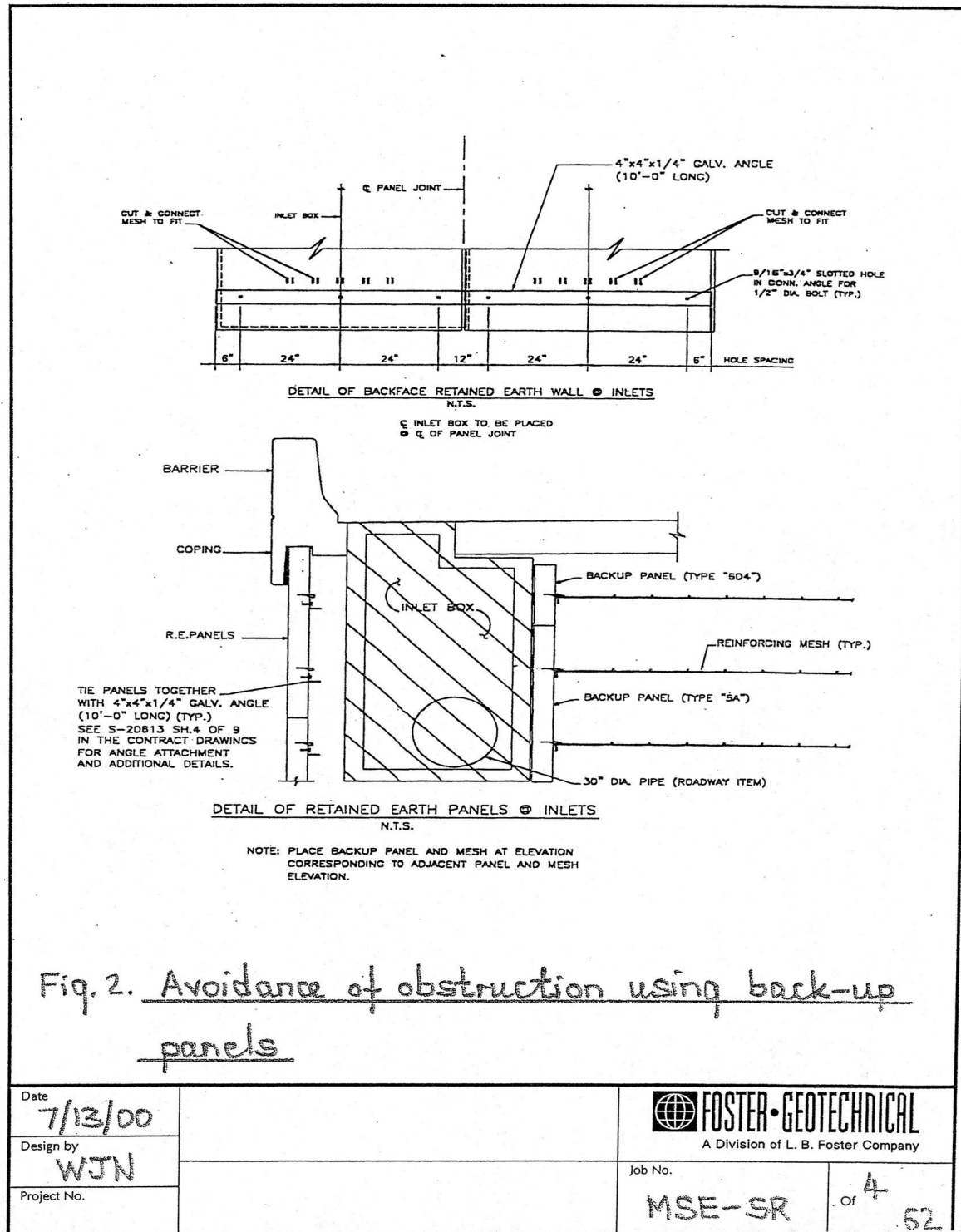
- Several plan sheets that detail panels with larger dimensions than the 5 ft by 5 ft panel. While it is feasible to use larger panels, only the 5 ft by 5 ft panel series is specifically preapproved for use in WSDOT projects. Other panel sizes may be used by special design, with the approval of the State Bridge Design Engineer and the State Geotechnical Engineer, provided a complete wall design with detailed plans are developed and included in the construction contract (i.e., walls with larger facing panels shall not be submitted as shop drawings in design-bid-build projects).
- Several of the details shown provide only metric dimensions. The closest English system dimensions shall be used, unless the project is a metric project.
- In the plan sheet on page 7, regarding the filter fabric shown, WSDOT reserves the right to require the use WSDOT Standard Specification materials as specified in Standard Specification Section 9-33 that are similar to those specified in this plan sheet.
- In the plan sheets on pages 2 and 6, there should be a minimum cover of 4 inches of soil between the steel grid in the soil and the traffic barrier reaction slab.

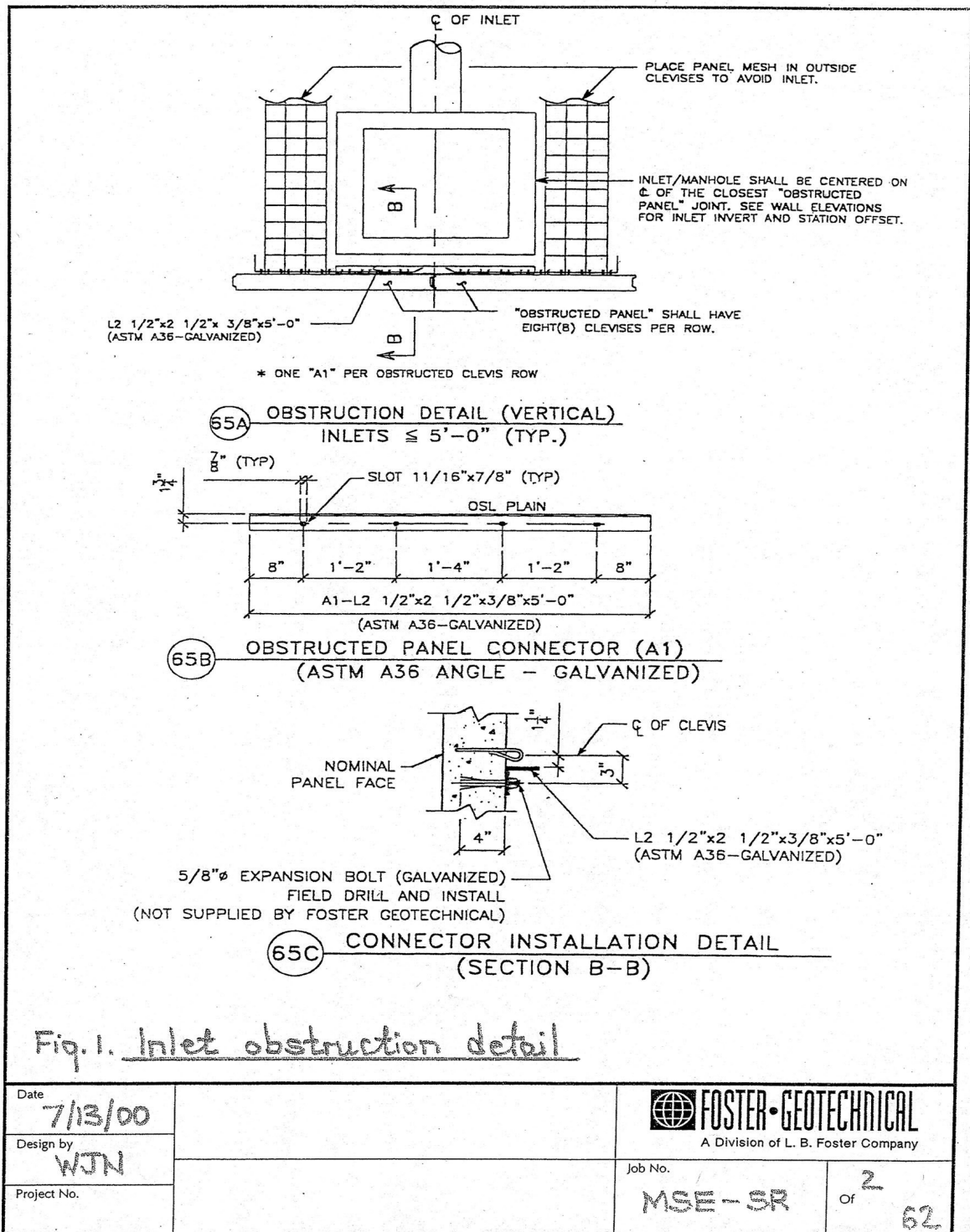


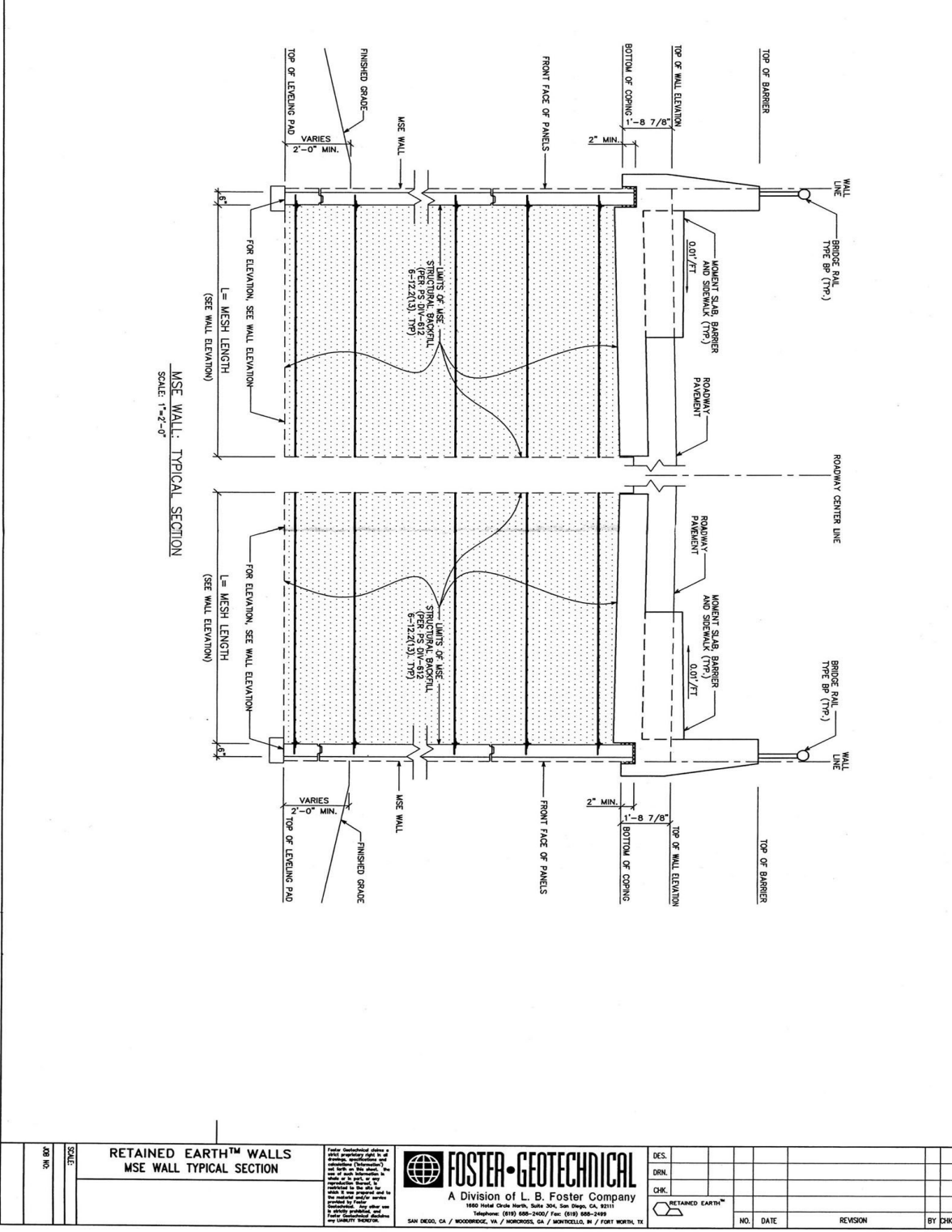
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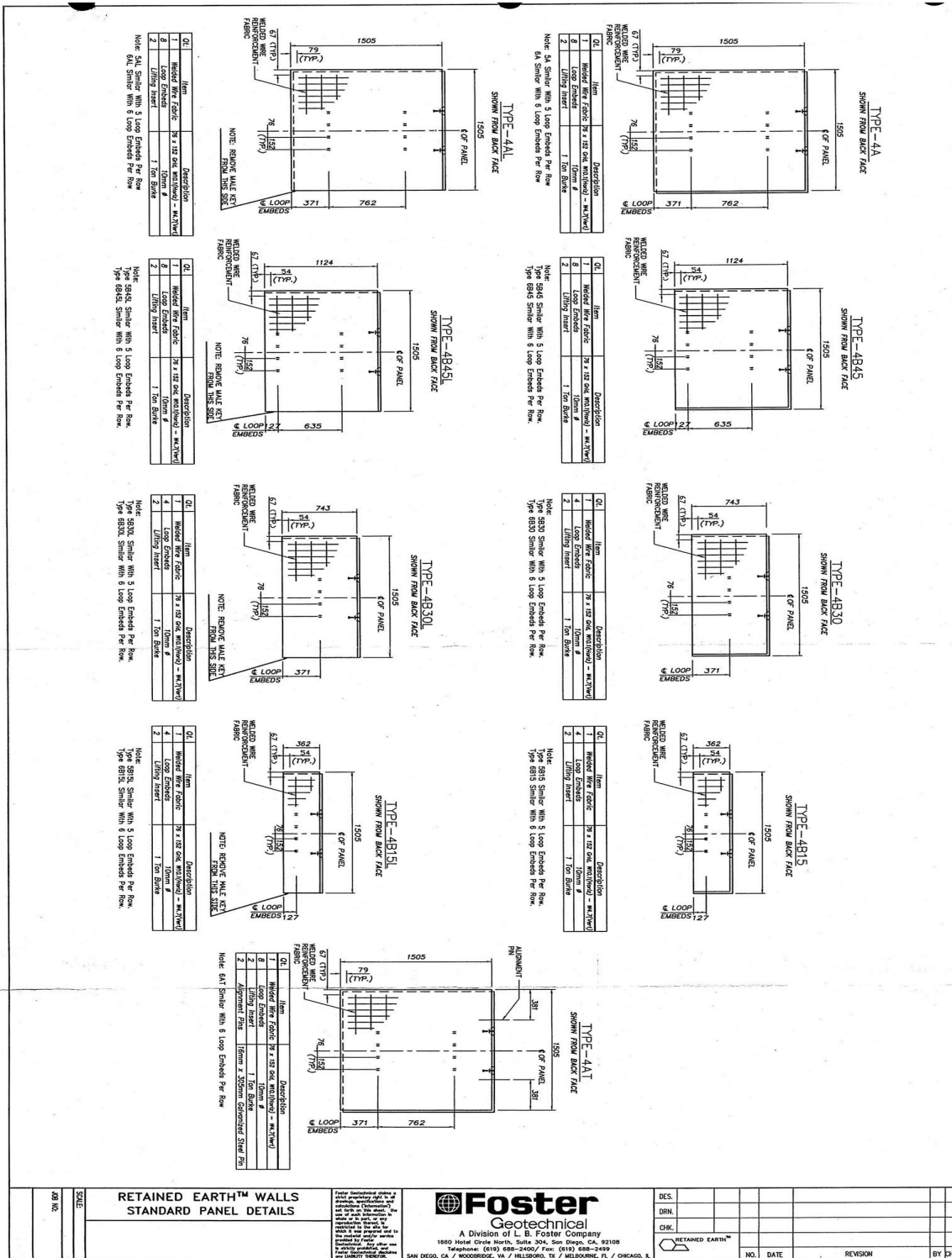


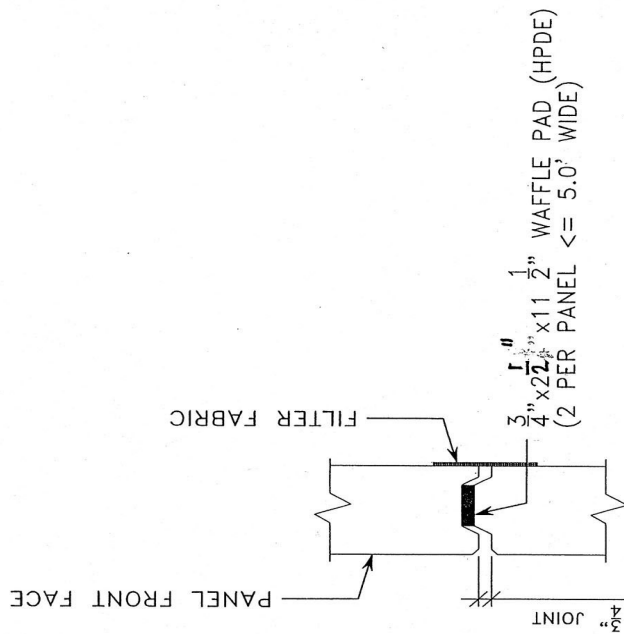




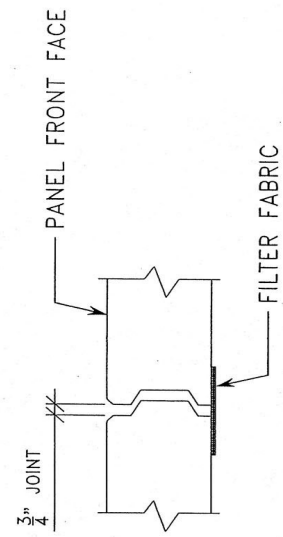




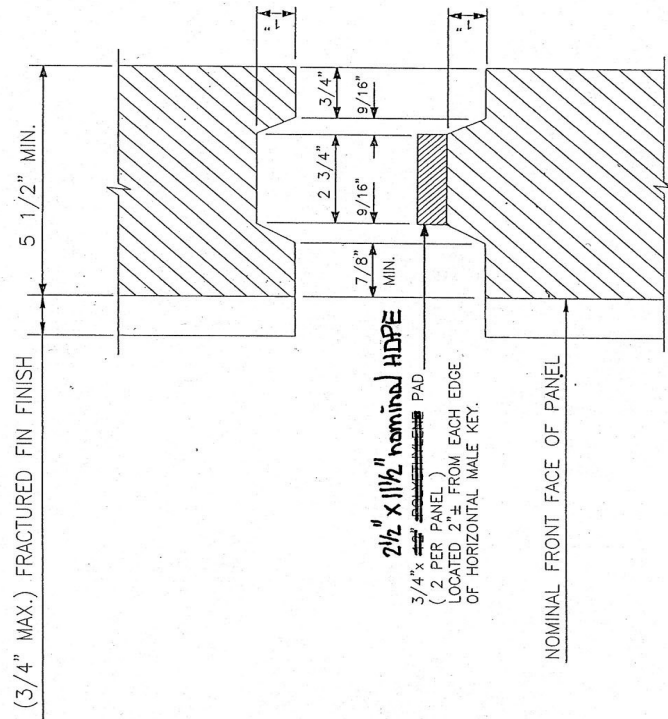




WAFFLE PAD AT HORIZONTAL JOINT



HORIZONTAL & VERTICAL JOINT DETAIL



PANEL JOINT DETAIL

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